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ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE

Texas Unemployment Rate Decreases

The Texas actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate fell over the month, from 6.8 percent in July to 6.3 percent in August. The current rate was moderately above the August 1990 rate of 5.9 percent. The number of jobless Texans dropped by 55,000 from July to an estimated 540,700 in mid-August. Although total employment also declined over the month, the current estimate of 8,004,500 was still above the year-ago level. Seasonal patterns often cause contractions in both employment and unemployment in August, as many summer jobseekers leave the labor force and students leave jobs to return to school.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also fell over the month, from 6.7 to 6.5 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. jobless rate remained at 6.8 percent over the month.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Seasonally Decline

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment totaled 7,092,100 in August '91. This was down 3,300 from July. It was also up 72,200 from one year ago, which was only about one-third as large as the growth during the same period a year earlier.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** reported an over-the-month loss of 3,300. At 6,112,100 jobs in August, the change over the year was up 81,600. **Mining** showed the largest sector decrease, down by 2,100 from July. Oil and Gas Extraction experienced the loss, reversing a three-month trend and indicating a slump in drilling activity. However, the industry's employment level remained above the year-ago total by 800 jobs.

Services experienced a decline over the month of 1,400. At 1,752,200, this was up 34,800 from August 1990. The largest loss within Services occurred in Other Services and Miscellaneous, which was down by 2,600 from July. With summer activities coming to an end, Social Services such as YMCA's, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts showed the bulk of this

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug.'91	July '91	Aug.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,096.0	127,327.0	126,011.0
Unemployment	8,237.0	8,576.0	6,837.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.7%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,859.0	118,751.0	119,174.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,904.0	125,213.0	124,705.0
Unemployment	8,488.0	8,501.0	7,015.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.8%	5.6%
Total Employment	116,416.0	116,712.0	117,690.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,545.2	8,737.6	8,458.7
Unemployment	540.7	595.7	500.9
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	6.8%	5.9%
Total Employment	8,004.5	8,141.9	7,957.8
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,467.0	8,619.0	8,374.0
Unemployment	547.0	581.0	513.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.7%	6.1%
Total Employment	7,920.0	8,038.0	7,861.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug.'91*	July91**	Aug.'90**	Aug.'91*	July'91**	Aug.'90**	Aug.'91*	July91**	Aug.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,500	50,700	50,200	95,700	98,000	96,300	435,800	444,800	431,100
Total Unemployment	2,700	3,100	3,200	4,600	5,300	4,500	21,000	22,800	19,300
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.1%	6.4%	4.8%	5.4%	4.7%	4.8%	5.1%	4.5%
Total Employment ++	46,800	47,600	47,000	91,100	92,700	91,800	414,800	422,000	411,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,700	175,800	165,900	88,900	90,800	87,900	108,500	111,600	103,800
Total Unemployment	13,200	13,600	12,100	4,900	5,800	4,700	12,900	14,700	11,700
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	7.7%	7.3%	5.5%	6.4%	5.3%	11.9%	13.2%	11.3%
Total Employment ++	159,500	162,200	153,800	84,000	85,000	83,200	95,600	96,900	92,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,900	61,500	61,400	170,700	174,600	165,900	1,447.9	1,477.3	1,435.9
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,000	12,900	14,200	10,800	84.4	92.0	74.0
Percent Unemployed	3.4%	3.7%	3.3%	7.6%	8.1%	6.5%	5.8%	6.2%	5.2%
Total Employment ++	56,900	59,200	59,400	157,800	160,400	155,100	1,363.5	1,385.3	1,361.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	252,700	259,900	249,500	741,100	758,900	739,300	112,000	115,100	111,200
Total Unemployment	25,400	28,200	26,000	47,900	52,800	36,500	7,600	8,600	7,500
Percent Unemployed	10.1%	10.9%	10.4%	6.5%	7.0%	4.9%	6.8%	7.5%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	227,300	231,700	223,500	693,200	706,100	702,800	104,400	106,500	103,700
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,772.6	1,811.5	1,745.2	97,600	99,300	97,500	52,100	53,600	52,300
Total Unemployment	99.1	108.2	91.0	6,300	6,900	6,700	4,100	4,800	4,600
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	6.0%	5.2%	6.5%	6.9%	6.9%	7.9%	9.0%	8.8%
Total Employment ++	1,673.5	1,703.3	1,654.2	91,300	92,400	90,800	48,000	48,800	47,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,400	81,200	80,000	115,900	118,500	116,700	152,800	156,200	153,000
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,700	5,400	6,700	7,500	6,000	23,200	24,900	24,500
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	8.3%	6.8%	5.8%	6.3%	5.1%	15.2%	15.9%	16.0%
Total Employment ++	73,300	74,500	74,600	109,200	111,000	110,700	129,600	131,300	128,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	49,600	47,900	53,200	54,100	51,000	43,300	44,200	43,500
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,800	2,600	3,600	3,700	3,000	2,300	2,600	2,400
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.6%	5.4%	6.8%	6.8%	5.9%	5.3%	5.9%	5.5%
Total Employment ++	46,100	46,800	45,300	49,600	50,400	48,000	41,000	41,600	41,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	600,100	616,500	603,900	47,000	48,100	47,000	56,500	57,000	56,800
Total Unemployment	38,000	43,200	42,100	2,900	3,100	2,400	4,400	4,400	3,300
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.0%	7.0%	6.2%	6.4%	5.1%	7.8%	7.7%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	562,100	573,300	561,800	44,100	45,000	44,600	52,100	52,600	53,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,000	75,800	74,500	36,800	37,500	36,500	92,300	94,900	91,900
Total Unemployment	4,600	5,100	4,700	1,800	2,100	1,800	6,000	7,000	5,600
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.7%	6.3%	4.9%	5.6%	4.9%	6.5%	7.4%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	69,400	70,700	69,800	35,000	35,400	34,700	86,300	87,900	86,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,100	56,100	54,900				8,545.2	8,737.6	8,458.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,900	3,400				540.7	595.7	500.9
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.0%	6.2%				6.3%	6.8%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	51,500	52,200	51,500				8,004.5	8,141.9	7,957.8

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ** Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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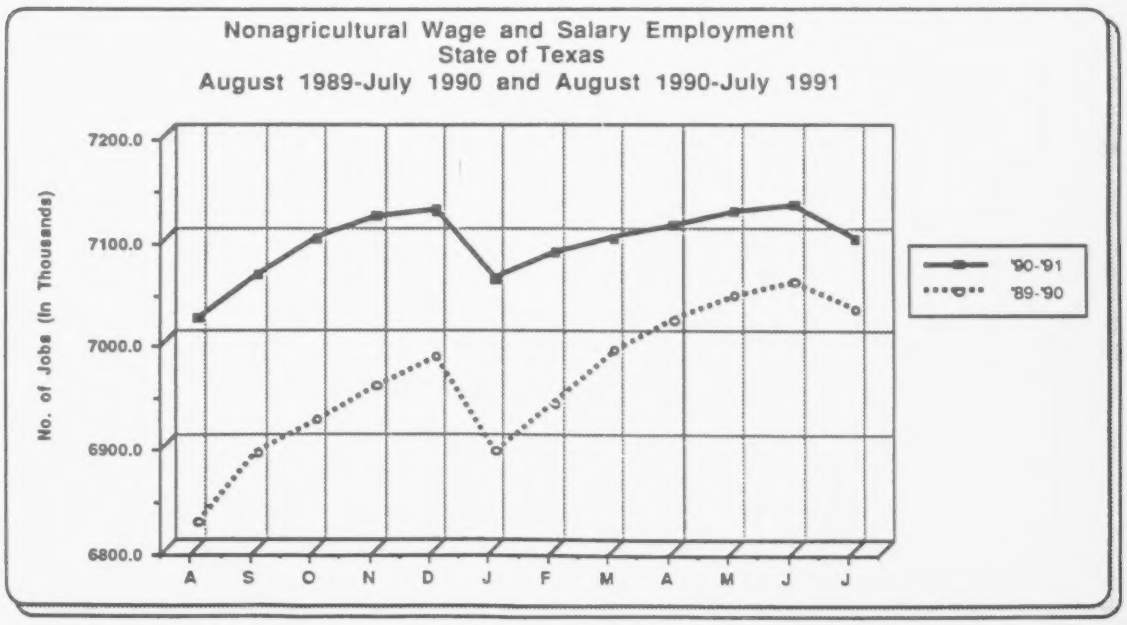
decline. Engineering and Management Services lost 800 over the month, while Amusement, Including Motion Pictures, was down by 500. Other losses were seen in Personal Services, down by 400, and in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, down by 300 from July. Health Services gained 2,100 jobs. This translated to 900 new positions in Offices and Clinics of Medical Doctors, Dentists, Osteopaths, and Other Health Practitioners; 500 new jobs in Nursing and Personal Care Facilities; 500 new positions in Hospitals, and 200 new positions in Medical and Dental Labs, Home Health Care Services, and Miscellaneous Health and Allied Services. With school beginning its fall semester, a seasonal increase of 800 occurred in Educational Services. Business and Repair Services increased by 300 due in part to employees being hired by temporary services.

Wholesale and Retail Trade lost 1,200 jobs over the month. At 1,719,600, this was up by 4,100 from August 1990. Retail Trade was down by 800 over the month. Food Stores experienced a downturn of 600 as summer employees dropped from the work rosters. Eating and Drinking Places had the largest loss within Retail Trade. This drop was mostly due to student employees who quit their summer jobs to return to school. Other Retail Trade lost 500 jobs over the month, while Building Materials and Garden Supplies was down by 100. General Merchandise Stores increased by 1,800 from July as a major retail chain hired additional personnel for the grand opening of several new stores. Apparel and Accessory Stores went up by 500 over the month. Wholesale Trade also decreased by 400 from July.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate fell by 500 over the month. Depository Institutions, including Banks, experienced a loss of 500, as one third of all reporting institutions in National Commercial Banks measured downward trends. Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was down by 200, while Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers rose by 200.

Transportation and Public Utilities increased by 1,200 from July, and by 8,800 from a year ago. Other Transportation showed the largest gain, up by 1,000 over the month, due in part to cotton harvesting which increased business for many intrastate truckers. Employment in Transportation by Air was up by 700. Communications was also up by 200.

Total **Government** reported a gain of 300 over the month. At 1,245,900, this was up 31,000 over the year. Federal Government *[continued on page 7]*



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Chg. from July '91	Chg. from Aug. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,092,100**	**7,095,400**	**7,019,900**	**-3,300**	**72,200**
MANUFACTURING	**980,000**	**980,000**	**989,400**	**0**	**-9,400**
Durable Goods	**548,300**	**549,400**	**566,500**	**-1,100**	**-18,200**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,700	31,600	31,700	100	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,500	7,700	100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,000	14,900	15,900	100	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,300	33,400	35,100	-100	-1,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,200	14,100	14,900	100	-700
Primary Metal Industries	30,000	30,000	29,900	0	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,900	80,800	81,300	100	-400
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,600	39,600	40,300	0	-700
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	115,200	115,600	115,000	-400	200
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	27,700	28,000	26,100	-300	1,600
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	99,200	100,000	104,900	-800	-5,700
Transportation Equipment	87,500	87,800	97,700	-300	-10,200
Aircraft & Parts	60,200	60,500	70,300	-300	-10,100
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,500	39,400	39,100	100	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	16,000	15,900	15,900	100	100
Nondurable Goods	**431,700**	**430,600**	**422,900**	**1,100**	**8,800**
Food & Kindred Products	102,100	101,500	100,200	600	1,900
Meat Products	31,200	31,200	30,500	0	700
Dairy Products	4,300	4,400	4,400	-100	-100
Bakery Products	9,600	9,500	9,700	100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,000	100	100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,100	4,200	-100	-200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,100	55,700	55,100	400	1,000
Paper & Allied Products	24,700	24,500	24,400	200	300
Printing & Publishing	74,800	75,000	74,300	-200	500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,000	36,000	36,200	0	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	89,400	89,500	85,400	-100	4,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,300	31,200	29,600	100	1,700
Petroleum Refining	28,000	27,900	26,300	100	1,700
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,100	42,100	42,300	0	-200
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	6,900	7,300	200	-200
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,112,100**	**6,115,400**	**6,030,500**	**-3,300**	**81,600**
Mining	**181,300**	**183,400**	**180,500**	**-2,100**	**800**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	9,400	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	171,900	174,000	171,100	-2,100	800
Construction	**347,300**	**346,900**	**342,000**	**400**	**5,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**436,400**	**435,200**	**427,600**	**1,200**	**8,800**
Railroad Transportation	18,200	18,200	18,700	0	-500
Other Transportation	250,300	249,300	241,400	1,000	8,900
Transportation by Air	83,300	82,600	76,400	700	6,900
Communications	88,300	88,100	88,900	200	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,600	79,600	78,600	0	1,000
Electric Services	40,600	40,700	40,600	-100	0
Gas Production & Distribution	24,200	27,100	27,000	-2,900	-2,800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,719,600**	**1,720,800**	**1,715,500**	**-1,200**	**4,100**
Wholesale Trade	423,900	424,300	424,800	-400	-900
Retail Trade	1,295,700	1,296,500	1,290,700	-800	5,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	40,900	41,000	41,300	-100	-400
General Merchandise Stores	179,800	178,000	180,700	1,800	-900
Food Stores	237,400	238,000	235,900	-600	1,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	138,300	138,300	138,200	0	100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,400	76,900	78,300	500	-900
Eating & Drinking Places	444,600	446,500	433,100	-1,900	11,500
Other Retail Trade	177,300	177,800	183,200	-500	-5,900
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**429,400**	**429,900**	**432,600**	**-500**	**-3,200**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	125,500	126,000	129,700	-500	-4,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,800	145,600	143,700	200	2,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,100	158,300	159,200	-200	-1,100
Services	**1,752,200**	**1,753,600**	**1,717,400**	**-1,400**	**34,800**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	87,200	87,500	88,000	-300	-800
Personal Services	79,000	79,400	77,600	-400	1,400
Business & Repair Services	448,300	448,000	447,800	300	500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	79,100	79,600	81,200	-500	-2,100
Health Services	504,100	502,000	475,500	2,100	28,600
Educational Services	80,100	79,300	80,300	800	-200
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	154,000	154,800	153,100	-800	900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	320,400	323,000	313,900	-2,600	6,500
Total Government	**1,245,900**	**1,245,600**	**1,214,900**	**300**	**31,000**
Federal Government	207,100	205,800	203,300	1,300	3,800
State Government	280,500	283,300	266,200	-2,800	14,300
Local Government	758,300	756,500	745,400	1,800	12,900

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'91*	July '91**	Aug.'90**	Aug.'91*	July'91**	Aug.'90**	Aug.'91*	July'91**	Aug.'90**	Aug.'91*	July'91**	Aug.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	47,600	47,500	47,000	77,400	77,600	77,800	372,600	373,500	371,000	148,600	148,400	142,100
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,500	8,600	8,500	8,500	48,900	48,900	49,000	26,300	25,900	25,300
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,000	1,000	1,100	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,100	3,200	3,400	12,500	12,600	12,500	14,600	14,400	11,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,700	5,700	5,500	12,000	12,000	11,800	9,800	9,600	9,600
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,600	22,900	22,900	22,900	76,700	76,500	77,200	33,600	33,400	32,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,300	4,300	4,300	23,300	23,500	23,800	5,500	5,600	5,400
Services & Misc.	14,000	14,000	13,600	18,300	18,300	18,000	99,500	99,600	97,900	37,000	37,300	35,400
Government	8,700	8,600	8,700	13,500	13,700	14,100	99,000	99,700	98,100	20,100	20,300	20,400
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	67,500	67,300	66,400	77,900	78,100	73,600	51,000	52,200	53,400	138,500	138,100	135,900
Manufacturing	17,000	17,100	16,700	12,200	12,400	11,500	3,600	3,800	3,700	12,200	12,200	12,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	600	4,100	4,000	3,900
Construction	8,900	8,800	9,000	2,400	2,400	2,300	1,900	1,900	2,100	11,800	11,700	13,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,500	3,500	3,300	1,400	1,300	1,300	6,500	6,600	6,500
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,800	21,100	21,000	20,400	11,100	11,000	11,200	32,600	32,500	31,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,500	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,300	6,200	6,300
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,800	18,200	18,400	16,500	10,400	10,600	10,900	34,000	34,100	32,300
Government	11,800	11,600	11,300	16,700	16,600	16,100	20,400	21,600	21,700	31,000	30,800	29,400
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,371.8	1,371.5	1,370.7	209,100	210,000	206,100	583,700	584,800	592,000	77,000	77,900	76,700
Manufacturing	213.9	214.9	221.2	41,900	41,400	42,900	103,700	104,300	118,900	8,500	8,600	8,400
Mining	18.1	18.2	18.1	—	—	—	4,500	4,400	4,500	600	700	600
Construction	46.9	47.2	48.2	7,700	7,600	7,900	22,700	23,200	23,300	4,200	4,200	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	84.6	84.3	82.9	10,800	10,900	11,000	57,300	56,900	56,000	5,300	5,500	5,400
Trade	355.5	354.6	353.9	52,700	53,000	52,100	151,700	151,500	152,400	15,600	15,800	15,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	123.0	123.5	126.1	8,100	8,100	8,300	26,800	26,900	27,500	5,100	5,100	5,100
Services & Misc.	374.1	373.6	367.6	45,000	45,200	43,900	142,600	142,800	138,100	15,700	15,700	15,500
Government	155.7	155.2	152.7	42,900	43,800	40,000	74,400	74,800	71,300	22,000	22,300	21,800
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,634.5	1,636.3	1,608.5	74,400	74,000	73,700	45,000	44,900	44,800	69,000	69,200	69,100
Manufacturing	178.9	178.0	175.8	8,600	8,800	8,600	1,600	1,500	1,700	16,100	16,100	16,400
Mining	73.2	73.6	70.4	—	—	—	1,700	1,800	1,800	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	109.7	109.4	113.6	2,500	2,400	2,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,800	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	114.2	114.2	110.7	2,500	2,500	2,500	6,400	6,300	6,200	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	375.7	374.7	376.3	17,000	16,700	16,600	13,900	13,900	14,200	17,100	17,100	17,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.5	103.4	103.2	3,500	3,500	3,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	477.5	479.0	461.5	18,000	18,000	17,900	8,300	8,200	7,900	14,100	14,200	13,800
Government	202.8	204.0	197.0	22,300	22,100	22,100	10,100	10,200	9,900	8,300	8,400	8,400
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	97,100	97,300	98,500	101,300	100,800	99,200	45,200	45,100	44,200	45,000	45,100	43,400
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,000	13,100	13,000	13,300	2,200	2,300	2,200	4,600	4,700	4,300
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,100	9,100	8,900	5,200	5,200	5,000
Construction	4,000	3,800	3,700	4,400	4,400	4,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,400	2,400	2,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,000	5,100	5,200	3,200	3,100	3,100	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,200	2,000
Trade	28,000	28,300	28,800	31,600	31,300	31,300	10,800	10,700	10,600	13,000	12,900	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,600	3,900	3,900	4,000	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,400	1,400	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,700	24,900	25,500	18,300	18,200	17,600	9,900	9,900	9,600	8,400	8,600	8,100
Government	22,400	22,300	22,500	26,000	26,100	24,300	6,800	6,700	6,600	7,800	7,700	7,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,400	36,300	35,800	814,100	816,100	815,400	37,400	37,300	37,800	45,400	45,300	47,000
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,800	43,200	43,900	43,500	10,900	10,900	11,300	6,600	6,600	7,000
Mining	400	400	500	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,100	1,100	22,700	22,800	22,300	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	22,500	22,300	22,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,300
Trade	8,600	8,700	8,900	132,300	131,900	131,200	8,000	8,000	8,000	11,000	10,900	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	37,700	37,700	39,600	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,400	9,100	139,900	140,900	141,500	9,200	9,200	9,300	11,300	11,300	11,300
Government	7,400	7,300	7,100	114,000	114,800	113,500	4,200	4,100	4,100	10,900	10,900	12,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,500	62,400	62,200	29,000	29,000	28,600	80,900	81,400	80,700	49,600	49,500	49,600
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,300	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,500	15,600	15,700	8,000	8,000	8,300
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,600	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,900	1,800	2,000	1,800	1,900	1,900	3,100	3,200	3,100	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,800	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,400	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	15,700	15,800	15,900	7,800	7,700	7,800	19,400	19,600	19,000	11,600	11,600	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,400	16,200	6,800	6,800	6,300	21,900	22,000	21,600	12,800	12,700	12,500
Government	9,500	9,600	9,000	4,800	4,900	5,000	12,500	12,400	12,600	9,300	9,300	9,100

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '91*	July'91	Aug. '90	Aug. '91*	July'91	Aug. '90	Aug. '91*	July'91	Aug. '90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 458.11	$ 451.36	$ 440.16	42.3	41.6	42.0	$ 10.83	$10.85	$10.48
Durable Goods	448.59	434.48	437.38	42.4	41.3	42.3	10.58	10.52	10.34
Lumber & Wood Products	331.58	332.44	318.43	43.4	43.8	42.8	7.64	7.59	7.44
Furniture & Fixtures	334.63	312.16	293.64	43.8	41.4	41.3	7.64	7.54	7.11
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	412.16	420.30	426.51	42.8	43.6	43.7	9.63	9.64	9.76
Primary Metal Industries	495.94	490.68	496.00	43.2	42.3	43.7	11.48	11.60	11.35
Fabricated Metal Products	427.80	417.64	407.12	43.3	42.4	42.9	9.88	9.85	9.49
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	443.33	442.46	442.73	43.0	42.3	42.9	10.31	10.46	10.32
Oil Field Machinery	520.01	545.97	560.37	46.1	47.6	48.1	11.28	11.47	11.65
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	450.87	416.98	460.63	39.9	37.6	40.8	11.30	11.09	11.29
Transportation Equipment	604.04	565.21	561.18	42.3	40.2	41.6	14.28	14.06	13.49
Instruments & Related Prod.	424.76	411.77	415.17	41.0	39.9	41.6	10.36	10.32	9.98
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	317.98	300.69	297.26	40.2	38.5	39.9	7.91	7.81	7.45
Nondurable Goods	469.26	469.00	444.52	42.2	41.8	41.7	11.12	11.22	10.66
Food & Kindred Products	390.20	389.73	369.79	43.5	43.4	43.2	8.97	8.98	8.56
Meat Products	301.02	293.69	287.19	43.5	43.0	42.8	6.92	6.83	6.71
Malt Beverages	985.78	944.40	897.55	47.9	45.8	48.1	20.58	20.62	18.66
Textile Mill Products	376.90	367.43	351.45	45.3	44.7	44.6	8.32	8.22	7.88
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	222.27	220.58	216.03	36.8	36.4	38.1	6.04	6.06	5.67
Paper & Allied Products	521.41	505.91	491.63	44.3	43.5	43.7	11.77	11.63	11.25
Printing & Publishing	443.19	431.12	423.87	40.4	39.3	39.8	10.97	10.97	10.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	732.03	747.16	707.35	44.5	44.5	43.0	16.45	16.79	16.45
Petroleum & Coal Products	780.13	796.11	721.87	44.2	44.6	43.2	17.65	17.85	16.71
Petroleum Refining	805.20	824.65	747.32	44.0	44.6	42.9	18.30	18.49	17.42
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	413.95	401.74	391.86	43.3	42.2	42.0	9.56	9.52	9.33
Leather & Leather Products	266.27	263.35	265.34	39.1	38.9	39.9	6.81	6.77	6.65
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	642.69	623.60	605.25	44.6	43.7	44.9	14.41	14.27	13.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	717.91	749.29	620.69	53.1	54.1	49.3	13.52	13.85	12.59
Oil & Gas Extraction	637.12	615.33	602.53	44.0	43.0	44.5	14.48	14.31	13.54
Communications	541.09	548.63	546.53	40.2	40.4	41.0	13.46	13.58	13.33
Elec., Gas & San. Services	562.95	562.09	553.74	41.7	41.3	42.4	13.50	13.61	13.06
Wholesale & Retail Trade	251.79	253.32	244.45	33.0	33.2	32.9	7.63	7.63	7.43
Wholesale Trade	434.11	432.92	421.07	39.9	39.9	39.5	10.88	10.85	10.66
Retail Trade	198.09	199.99	191.89	31.0	31.2	31.0	6.39	6.41	6.19
General Merchandise Stores	200.78	205.70	189.71	30.7	31.5	30.5	6.54	6.53	6.22
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	316.46	315.00	306.85	36.5	36.5	36.4	8.67	8.63	8.43

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 446.65	$ 434.93	$ 433.21	41.9	40.8	42.1	$ 10.66	$ 10.66	$ 10.29
Durable Goods	463.98	445.01	455.15	41.8	40.2	42.3	11.10	11.07	10.76
Nondurable Goods	420.73	417.83	394.78	42.2	41.7	41.6	9.97	10.02	9.49
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	498.72	482.23	472.15	42.3	41.5	41.2	11.79	11.62	11.46
Durable Goods	517.02	494.05	495.10	42.0	41.0	41.5	12.31	12.05	11.93
Nondurable Goods	460.10	457.07	418.37	42.8	42.4	40.5	10.75	10.78	10.33
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	555.81	557.74	535.14	44.5	44.3	44.3	12.49	12.59	12.08
Durable Goods	481.87	483.21	463.95	44.7	44.7	45.0	10.78	10.81	10.31
Nondurable Goods	648.86	652.62	622.65	44.2	43.8	43.3	14.68	14.90	14.38
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	332.88	332.05	317.42	40.3	40.2	40.8	8.26	8.26	7.78
Durable Goods	337.77	338.52	327.02	40.5	40.3	41.5	8.34	8.40	7.88
Nondurable Goods	327.62	326.01	307.20	40.1	40.1	40.0	8.17	8.13	7.68

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

and Local Government both showed increases over the month. Federal Government rose by 1,300, due in part to seasonal, non-defense jobs dealing with agriculture, primarily in cotton grading. Local Government gained 1,800 jobs due to local school boards hiring new staff for the school year. Because of legislative changes in the length of the school year, many districts chose to return to school a few days earlier than in previous years. State Government declined by 2,800 as employment in state education fell due to schools taking a short break before the fall term began. Temporary summer positions also ended in other state government.

Manufacturing registered no change over the month as it stayed at 980,000 jobs. The over-the-year change was a drop of 9,400. **Durable Goods** experienced a loss of 1,100 while **Nondurable Goods** rose by 1,100 from July to August. In Durables, Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment fell by 800. With employment levels falling below 100,000 for the first time in recent years, this industry was widely characterized by decline. In addition to less business, several layoffs were noted. Other losses in Durables occurred in Industrial Machinery and Equipment, down by 400; in Transportation Equipment, down by 300; and in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, down by 100. Increases of 100 each occurred in all other Durable sectors, except in Primary Metal Industries which remained the same over the month.

In Nondurables the largest gain was reported in Food and Kindred Products, which enjoyed seasonal expansion with the addition of 600 jobs, found mostly in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables. Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products rose by 400. Gains of 200 each were reported in Paper and Allied Products and in Leather and Leather Products. Petroleum and Coal Products increased by 100 over the month. A loss of 200 occurred in Printing and Publishing, while smaller decreases of 100 each were found in Textile Mill Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	August'91	August'90
Total Population	17,311,700*	17,157,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.5
UI Covered Employers	323,630	315,093
Total Claims Actions	652,853	551,092
Total Initial Claims Actions	70,518	63,850
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	582,335	487,242
Total Placements	32,855	34,991
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$165.94	$156.08
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$79,330,175	$62,123,485

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 641,200 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings fell by two cents from July to August '91. Average Weekly Hours increased by seven-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $6.75 over the month. This was $17.95 above the August 1990 level of $440.16. In mid-August a worker, on average, was earning $10.83 per hour for a 42.3-hour week, and making $458.11 in weekly earnings.

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